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June 10, 1949

Dear Mr. Frasher:

In accordance with the understanding which we reached in Rome on May 25 I am informing you prior to June 15 regarding the opinion of my superiors as to the points discussed in our recent conversations. In general your suggestions are considered very helpful and useful. The constructive attitude you have displayed since our initial conversations on the Turkish Steamship ISTANBUL have confirmed the previous high opinion of your qualities as a leader and statesman.

My superiors urge that you postpone your trip to the Near East until I or one of my colleagues is free to accompany you, as you suggested. One of us will come to Rome, probably within the next ten days, to make final arrangements about the Near East trip and to discuss other questions of mutual interest. After this trip has been completed, it will then be time to discuss other trips, such as one to London or to the United States.

I am sure that you will be happy to know that my superiors are in general agreement with your views concerning the method of cooperation with other principal groups. This question will also be discussed, of course, with you during the forthcoming Rome visit.

I wish to thank you again for your cooperation with me in the past and I am sure that this will continue in the future. I am sure that you will keep this communication as confidential as our conversations in the past.

Sincerely yours,

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Your American friend,